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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD November 18, 2013 – For the week ending November 17, 2013, above normal temperatures were recorded across most areas of the state according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Warmer weather allowed row crop harvest to near completion in most areas. Major activities were moving livestock, hauling grain and fall tillage. Statewide, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 7 short, 86 adequate and 7 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 14 short, 81 adequate and 4 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat emerged was 96 percent, well ahead of 52 last year and 89 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 27 fair, 60 good, and 11 excellent.

Corn harvest was 88 percent complete, behind 100 last year but ahead of 78 average.

Sorghum harvested was 88 percent complete, behind 100 last year and 91 average.

Sunflower harvest was 62 percent complete, well behind 100 last year and 83 average.

The fourth cutting of alfalfa hay was 80 percent complete.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions were rated 2 percent very poor, 7 poor, 33 fair, 52 good, and 6 excellent. Stock water supplies were 1 percent very short, 12 short, 80 adequate and 7 surplus. Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 19 fair, 70 good and 9 excellent. Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 18 fair, 74 good and 7 excellent.

Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency, SDSU Extension Service and other reporters across the state.

Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:

<http://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2013/CropProg-11-18-2013.pdf>

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:

http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=SD®ion=HPRCC

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM_state.htm?SD,HP